FOOTNOTES
FOR CHAPTER VI

HAG STONES:

HAG STONES, OR ADDER STONES, ARE STONES OF VARIOUS SHAPE AND SIZES WITH A SINGLE NATURALLY OCCURRING HOLE THROUGH THEM.

THEY HAVE HAD MANY NAMES OVER THE CENTURIES, INCLUDING WITCH STONES, SNAKE EGGS, HEX STONES, FAIRY STONES, HOLY STONES, HOLEYS, AND EYE STONES.

MOST ARE FOUND IN DRY RIVERBEDS OR ALONG THE SEASHORE, AS THE ACTION OF RUNNING OR MOVING WATER CAUSES THE EROSION THAT RESULT IN THE UNIQUE APPEARANCE OF THE STONE.

THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE AMULET-LIKE POWERS OF PROTECTION AGAINST MAGIC, PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS COMMONLY BELIEVED THAT MAGIC CANNOT WORK ON MOVING WATER. SINCE THE HOLES IN HAG STONES ARE MADE BY THE FORCE OF THIS ELEMENT, THE STONES SUPPOSEDLY RETAIN WATER'S BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE.

IT WAS ONCE COMMON PRACTICE FOR PEOPLE TO HANG THESE STONES ABOVE THE FRONT DOOR TO THEIR HOMES TO KEEP TROUBLESOME SPIRITS FROM INTERFERING WITH ITS INHABITANTS.

FARMERS USED TO NAIL THEM TO STABLE DOORS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR HORSES AGAINST BEING TAKEN BY WITCHES DURING SABBATS.

HIMMLER'S SUICIDE

AFTER THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP AT THE HANDS OF THE SOVIETS IN JANUARY 1945, HIMMLER REALIZED THE WAR WAS LOST AND ATTEMPTED TO OPEN PEACE TALKS WITHOUT HITLER'S KNOWLEDGE.

WHEN HIS BETRAYAL WAS DISCOVERED, HE WAS DISMISSED FROM ALL HIS POSTS BY THE FÜRHER, WHO ORDERED HIS ARREST IN APRIL 1945. HIMMLER ATTEMPTED TO GO INTO HIDING, BUT WAS DETAINED AND THEN ARRESTED BY BRITISH FORCES ONCE HIS IDENTITY BECAME KNOWN.

ONCE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE BRITISH ARMY, THE FORMER REICHFÜRHER, WHILE UNDERGOING A MEDICAL EXAMINATION, BIT INTO WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A POTASSIUM CYANIDE PILL HE CARRIED HIDDEN IN HIS MOUTH.

HE THEN IMMEDIATELY COLLAPSED ONTO THE FLOOR, AND WAS QUICKLY PRONOUNCED DEAD BY THE MEDICAL STAFF WITHOUT UNDERGOING AN AUTOPSY.

HIS SEEMINGLY LIFELESS BODY WAS NOT DESTROYED HOWEVER, BUT THOROUGHLY PHOTOGRAPHED AND FILMED IN ORDER TO BRING CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF THE MOST WANTED MAN IN THE WORLD'S DEMISE.

LATER THAT DAY, HIMMLER WAS BURIED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE SOMEWHERE IN THE LÜNEBURG HEATH, THE EXACT LOCATION OF WHICH WAS TO REMAIN FOREVER UNKNOWN, TO AVOID HIS REMAINS BEING CLAIMED BY NAZI FANATICS.

INDEED, EVEN AFTER EXTENSIVE SEARCHES SEVERAL MONTHS LATER BY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO BURIED IT, THE BODY WAS NEVER FOUND.

-BABYLON

ALONG WITH THE HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE, THE BEAST AND THE GREAT DRAGON, THE BOOK OF REVELATION MENTIONS A FEMALE FIGURE PLAYING A ROLE IN THE APOCALYPSE: A WILLING AND POWERFUL SERVANT OF EVIL, DRUNK ON THE BLOOD OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND LATER REFERRED TO AS THE WHORE OF BABYLON, OR BABYLON THE GREAT.

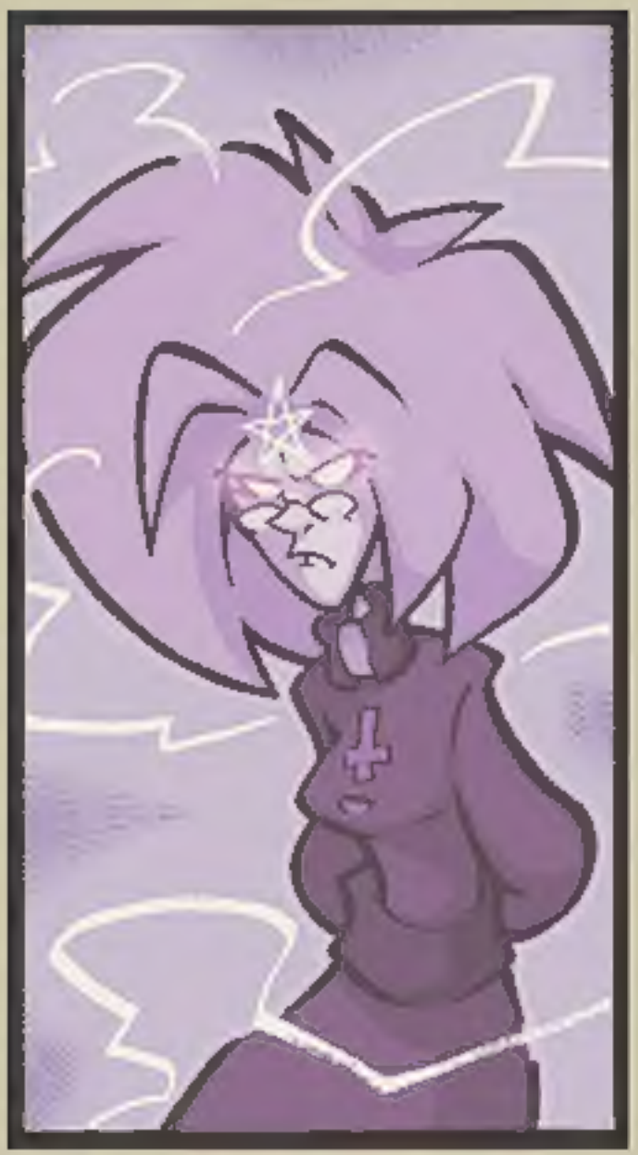
"17:3
I SAW A WOMAN
SITTING ON A SCARLET BEAST,
WHICH WAS FULL OF BLASPHEMOUS
NAMES, AND IT HAD SEVEN HEADS
AND TEN HORNS.

17:4
THE WOMAN WAS ARRAYED
IN PURPLE AND SCARLET, AND
BEDECKED WITH GOLD AND
JEWELS AND PEARLS,
HOLDING IN HER HAND A GOLDEN
CUP FULL OF ABOMINATIONS
AND THE IMPURITIES OF
HER FORNICATION;
AND ON HER FOREHEAD
WAS WRITTEN A NAME
OF MYSTERY."

HER GIVEN NAME, BABYLON, IS A DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE MESOPOTAMIAN CITY, WHICH IS SOMETIMES CALLED BABEL AFTER THE TOWER SAID TO HAVE BEEN ERECTED THERE IN GENESIS.

THE PHRASE "TOWER OF BABEL" DOES NOT ACTUALLY APPEAR IN THE BIBLE.

IT IS ALWAYS "THE CITY AND THE TOWER" OR JUST "THE CITY". THE ORIGINAL DERIVATION OF THE NAME BABEL, WHICH IS ALSO THE HEBREW NAME FOR BABYLON, IS UNCERTAIN. THE NATIVE, AKKADIAN NAME OF THE CITY WAS BĀB-ILIM, MEANING "GATE OF GOD". BUT THAT INTERPRETATION ITSELF IS THOUGHT TO BE THE RESULT OF AN AKKADIAN FOLK ETYMOLOGY APPLIED TO AN EARLIER FORM OF THE NAME, BABILLA, OF UNKNOWN MEANING.



ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, THE CITY RECEIVED THE NAME "BABEL" FROM THE HEBREW VERB BĀLAL, MEANING TO JUMBLE OR TO CONFUSE.

AS FOR THE WORD "WHORE", IT CAN ALSO BE TRANSLATED METAPHORICALLY AS "IDOLATRESS", WHICH GAVE THE FEMALE FIGURE A THIRD AND FAR LESS POPULAR APPELLATION:

THE CONFUSED IDOLATRESS.

-SACRED PROMISE

IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW, IT IS SAID THAT, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS ARREST AND CRUCIFIXION, JESUS CHRIST WAS TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT THE TRUE NATURE OF HIS MESSIANIC KINGDOM, WHERE ALL OF THE COMMON HUMAN VALUES WERE TO BE TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN (HONOR GAINED THROUGH SERVITUDE, REVENGE REPLACED BY FORGIVENESS, TRUE WEALTH ACQUIRED THROUGH CHARITY, ETC).

AS HE PREPARED THEM FOR HIS ABSENCE,
AND TO INSURE THE CREATION OF HIS CHURCH AFTER HIS DEPARTURE,
THIS SERVANT KING MADE A SACRED PROMISE TO HIS DISCIPLES.

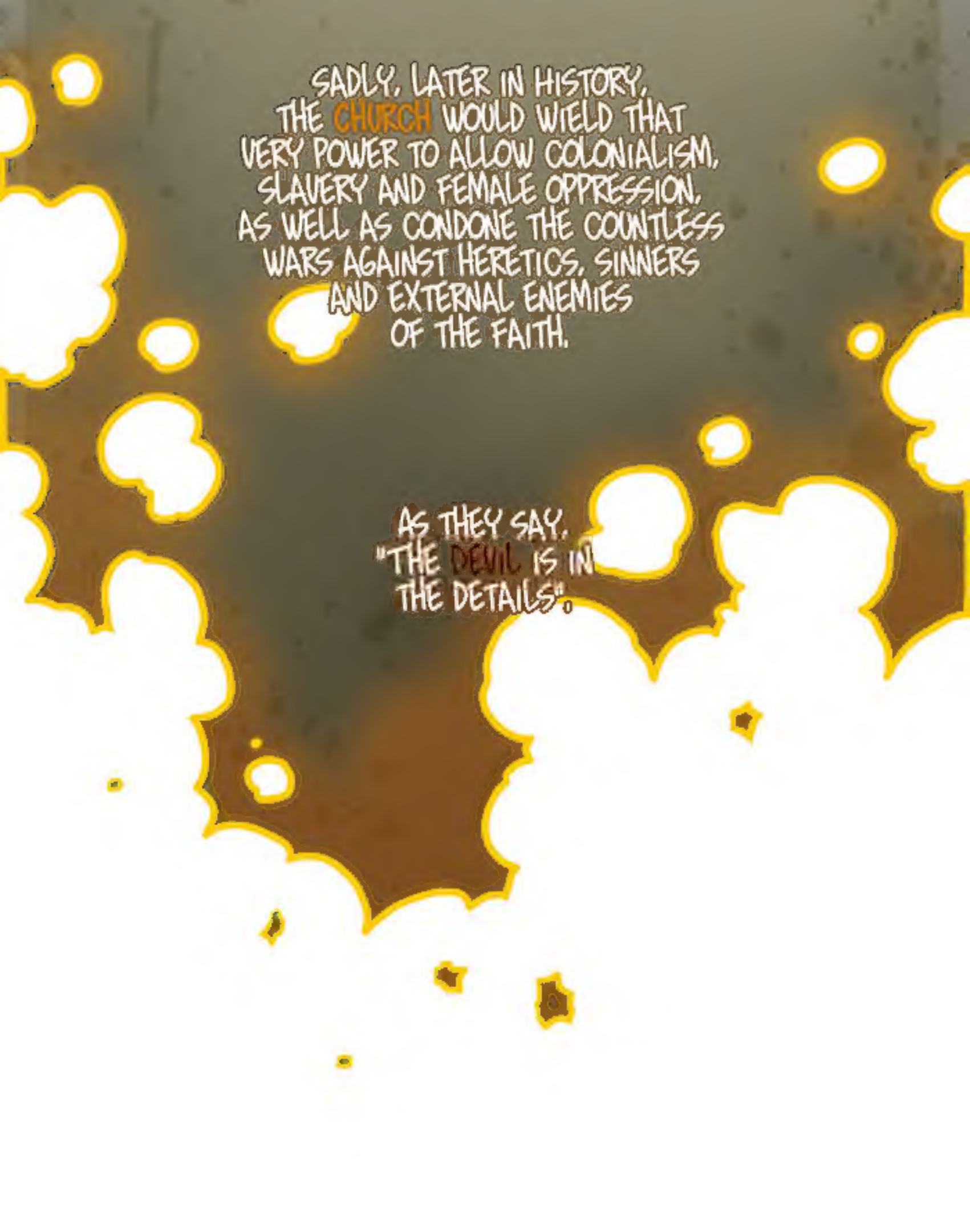
" I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
AND WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN.
AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

(...) AGAIN I SAY TO YOU, IF TWO OF YOU AGREE ON EARTH ABOUT
ANYTHING THEY ASK, IT WILL BE DONE FOR THEM BY MY FATHER
IN HEAVEN. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED
IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM."

NATURALLY, THE MESSIAH'S PROMISE WAS TO HELP YOUNG PETER
DEAL WITH SIN AFTER HE BECAME POPE AND THE VERY FIRST LEADER
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. BY GRANTING HIM AND THE REST
OF HIS DISCIPLES THE AUTHORITY TO GUIDE
AND PASS JUDGMENT OVER THE FAULTS OF MEN.

WHATEVER THEY AS A CHURCH DECLARED BINDING OR NOT BINDING, THAT DECISION WOULD BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.

THIS POWER WAS EXTENDED NOT ONLY TO THE APOSTLES, BUT TO THE WHOLE SOCIETY OF WHICH THEY WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES, SO TO FOREVER ALLOW THE RESPECT OF COLLECTIVE MORALS (GRANTED THEY WEREN'T CONTRADICTORY TO THE SERVANT MESSIAH'S ORIGINAL TEACHINGS).


SADLY, LATER IN HISTORY, THE CHURCH WOULD WIELD THAT VERY POWER TO ALLOW COLONIALISM, SLAVERY AND FEMALE OPPRESSION, AS WELL AS CONDONE THE COUNTLESS WARS AGAINST HERETICS, SINNERS AND EXTERNAL ENEMIES OF THE FAITH.
AS THEY SAY, "THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS".